

Metro-Dade Fire Fighters

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Executive Board Minutes (C-shift)

December 16, 2019

0830

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

President Omar Blanco(present)
1st Vice Pres. Brian Lynch(absent)1030
2nd Vice Pres. Michelle Steele(absent)
Secretary Gabe Nemeth(present)
Treasurer Paul Blake(present)

2019
Ralph Fernandez(absent)0840
Lisa Bullard(present)
Christian Chuck(present)
Andre Cruzeta(absent)0900
Dan Cuoco(absent)
Nick Digiacommo(present)
Billy McAllister(absent)0915

2020
Richard Andrews(present)
Bridget Keating(present)
Rocky McAllister(present)
John O'Brien(present)
Lazaro Pereda(present)
Tim Porter(present)
Rick Ramirez(present)

Executive Assistants: Chris Fink,(present) Felipe Lay

Benefits Officer: Claudine Buzzo(present)

Trustees: John Askham, Randy Brown, Jeff Hackman

Meeting called to order at 0830: Pledge of allegiance, moment of silence

Member/Guest: Vince Gonzalez, Alen Michael, Brad Schell, Nathan Watarz, Richard Romero

Previous Meetings Minutes:

Motion by Ramirez to approve the previous E-Board meeting minutes. Second by Bullard, motion passes.

Member/Guest Presentation: Guest advised their attendance to the meeting is regarding the upcoming LT. test schedule

Correspondence: none

Reports of Officers:

Omar Blanco: President's Report – Brief report on the election and the transition in the coming weeks.

Paul Blake: Treasurer's Report – Financial report of current balances

Gabe Nemeth: Secretary's Report –

- Database – project update, getting closer, have less than 1000 members that have not updated their information.
- Emailed board a proposed 6 month calendar(draft) for 2020

Brian Lynch: 1st VP Report – none

Michelle Steele: 2nd VP Report – none

Report of Committees:

Health & Safety – Pereda

- Station 17 drinking water issue seems to have been resolved but we are asking for additional test in the coming weeks to verify the water continues to be safe.
- Bunker gear replacement – numerous fires have occurred, and we have not received any concerns. It seems that the process in place is working for now. We will continue to monitor.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Bullard – Lobbyist – President Blanco advised the local was down to one lobbyist.

Blake – ALTS – Advised current members that if interested start looking at the class line-up. It will be determined in the January meeting who will be attending.

Nemeth – Holiday office schedule – The office will be closed at noon on the 24th and open back up on January 2nd.

Nemeth – Lt. list expiration – discussion on the contract articles 16.1(6 months announcement of books) and 16.6(eligible list upon exhaustion of the other list) that under the current situation are causing the concern.

Motion by Cruzeta to recess the meeting at 0946. Second by Pereda, motion passes.

Meeting reconvened at 1045.

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Continued discussion on expiration of Lt. list.

Motion by Cruzeta to have the board direct the President of Local 1403 to invoke Article 41 and agree with the county that the interpretation of 16.1 was intended to mean only if books were to change, In exchange for amending Article 2.2e and removing the last line that read “Such employees would receive....”. Second by Ramirez, roll call vote.

For: Nemeth, Fernandez, Cruzeta, Keating, O’Brien, Porter, Ramirez

Against: Lynch, Blake, Bullard, Chuck, B. McAllister, Andrews, R.McAllister, Pereda

Motion fails.

Motion by Nemeth that we allow the President of the Local to invoke Article 41 to amend Article 16.1 and for it to sunset on September 30, 2020. Second by Andrews, roll call vote.

For: Nemeth, Blake, Fernandez, Chuck, Cruzeta, B.McAllister, Andrews, Keating, O’Brien, Pereda, Porter, Ramirez

Against: Bullard, R.McAllister

Motion passes.

Motion by Cruzeta to do the same holiday bonus as last year for the staff. Second by Ramirez, motion passes.

Good and Welfare:

Ramirez – Recognize the Benevolent for the great job at the Christmas party this weekend.

Blanco – Along with FPF recognized Digiacommo and Bullard for their work over the years with the design and building of the bunker gear display that was used up in Tallahassee for lobbying for the Cancer bill. O’Brien also recognized for his work as the South Florida Council President for the work on the Cancer Bill.

Blanco – Thanked the board and the members of Local 1403 for giving him the opportunity to serve over 10 years and the pleasure of leading this great organization these last 4 years. “It has been one of my greatest honor”

Meeting adjourn at 1215, agenda completed.

In Unity,

Gabe Nemeth, Secretary

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